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SUBJ: MEXICAN-TANZANIAN RELATIONS

REF: DARHBS SALAAM 340:

1. MEXICAN AMBASSADOR ESTRADA-BERG RESIDENT HERE HAS TOLD ME THAT HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT ARE MOST PLEASED WITH THE RECENT VISIT OF MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. TWO PROJECTS UPON WHICH BOTH COUNTRIES AGREED AND WHICH MEXICANS FELT TO BE MOST IMPORTANT WERE: A) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE TANZANIAN SISAL INDUSTRY AND B) PROVISION OF MEXICAN ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN ASSISTANCE FOR PROPOSED CAPITAL AT DODOMA.

GOV AMBASSADOR SAID THAT MEXICO WOULD PROVIDE TECHNICIANS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF TANZANIAN SISAL PROCESSING WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ITS USE AS FABRIC. (FYI: ESTRADA-BERG SAYS THAT SISAL GROWN IN TANZANIA DERIVES FROM A STRAIN IMPORTED HEREIN 1892 BY A GERMAN FARMER. TANZANIAN SISAL IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM THE MEXICAN STRAIN, HOWEVER, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BECAUSE OF SOIL CONDITIONS HERE. END FYI)

3. GEORGE KAHAMA, HEAD OF THE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, AND OTHER TANGOV OFFICIALS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEXICAN ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN. AS A RESULT, THERE IS TO BE AN INITIAL VISIT TO DODOMA BEGINNING NEXT WEEK BY RAMIDA VASSIS (PHONETIC) WHOM ESTRADA-BERG DESCRIBES AS ONE OF MEXICO'S LEADING ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNERS. THIS VISIT TO BE FOLLOWED BY TEAM FROM MEXICO TO ARRIVE IN NOVEMBER.

4. COMMENT: MEXICAN AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HIS FOREIGN MINISTER HAD ARRIVED WITH A CONVICTION THAT MEXICAN EMBASSY SHOULD BE RELOCATED IN NAIROBI. FOLLOWING HIS 3-DAY TOUR AND MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE AND OTHER TANGOV OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, RABASA REVERSED HIMSELF AND NOW IS LJETERMINED THAT EMBASSY SHOULD REMAIN IN DAR. ESTRADA-BERG SAYS THAT RABASA WAS IN DAILY CONTACT WITH PRESIDENT ECHIEVERRIA. END COMMENT.
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